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Office Action Summary

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Period for Response

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- Failure to respond within the set or extended period for response will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1 - 26 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) None is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) 1-10, 12-18 & 26 is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 11, 19-25 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) 07/800,009.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is a reissue of the Application Serial Number 07/800,009 filed on November 29, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,454,073.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 07/800,009, filed on 11/29/91.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 11, 19-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Mackay et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,148,154).

As per independent claim 11, MacKay et al teach a drawing system comprising a display device for displaying a three-dimensional retrieval icon for respective sub-drawings, the amount of data in the respective sub-drawing being indicated by a dimension of each respective displayed retrieval icon (Figs.5-6; col.6, line 49 through col.7, line 8).

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As per claims 19-25, MacKay et al clearly anticipated the claimed features as now claimed by teaching a data processing system including step of generating and displaying a three-dimensional retrieval icon at Figs. 4-5; col. 6, line 12 through col. 8, line 60.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-10, 12-18 and 26 are allowed over the cited prior art.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cliff N. Vo whose telephone number is (703) 305-9594. He can normally be reached Monday-Friday and alternate Monday from 8:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Powell, can be reached at (703) 305-9703. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-9724.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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